



## Senate

General Assembly

January Session, 2001

**File No. 620**

Senate Bill No. 1457

*Senate, May 4, 2001*

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. CRISCO of the 17th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

### ***AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES FOR PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 (NEW) The Commissioner of Agriculture shall review the programs
- 2 administered by the Department of Agriculture in order to: (1)
- 3 Evaluate the cost-effectiveness and benefits of such programs; and (2)
- 4 assign priority for the continued funding of such programs. The
- 5 commissioner shall submit findings and recommendations to the joint
- 6 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
- 7 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies not
- 8 later than February 20, 2002, and annually thereafter.

**APP**      *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** Minimal

**Affected Agencies:** Department of Agriculture

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation****State Impact:**

It is anticipated that the Department of Agriculture will be able to: review its programs and services; evaluate their cost effectiveness; assign priority for their continued funding; and submit mandated findings and recommendations by February 20, 2002, and annually thereafter within its anticipated budgetary resources.

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**OFA Bill Analysis**

SB 1457

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.**

**SUMMARY:**

The bill requires the Commissioner of Agriculture to review the department's programs for cost effectiveness and benefits and prioritization for funding. The findings and recommendations must be reported to the Appropriations Committee of the General Assembly not later than February 20, 2002 and annually thereafter.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2001

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 51      Nay 0